

New Books.

LOOK TO YOUR COIN DEPOSIT.—Another proof has of late been accidentally adduced that the imposing ceremonial of the laying of foundation-stones along with legacies to posterity in the shape of sterling coins of the realm, and medals of 'immortal' men, is one that will be much less likely to turn out, in the eyes of posterity, an evidence of the taste, the glory, or the riches of the present generation, than of its light but 'dirty-fingered' thievishness and poverty, as well as error. The first stone of the Manchester Exchange was laid about 40 years ago, or upwards, with the usual display; and a 'marble vase,' with coins and medals, was inclosed, as "a treat to the curious, when time shall bring these seeds of antiquity to the view of unborn antiquarians." This very stone was lately uncovered, and what, think our readers, then displayed itself to the view of the "unborn antiquarians," as "a treat to the curious?" A colorless porcelain white-biscuit vase, with its virgin purity tarnished by the trail of dirty fingers. *O tempora!*  
(1) *more!*

**CONGRESS OF ARCHITECTS.**—A meeting of the architects of Germany will take place at Mayence from the 26th to the 29th of the present month; at which, according to the *Athenaeum*, M. de Lassaulx, the able state architect of Coblenz, will bring forward a new series of models illustrative of the construction of roof-vaulting—a science wherein he is thought by some more eminently learned than any other architect in Europe.

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